No. 4555—Edn. 81-20, dated 29th May 1922.

The report of the Special Committee appointed to submit proposals for the improvement of Sanskrit Education in the State is herewith published for general information. The public interested in the subject are invited to communicate their opinions on the proposals in the report to the Chief Secretary to Government not later than the 15th July 1922.

By Order,
K. MATTHAN,
Chief Secretary to Government.

I.—Report of the Special Committee.

There were a few changes in the personnel of the Committee appointed in Government Order No. 9650-62—Edn. 15-19-50, dated 9th April 1920, for considering the several questions connected with the Sanskrit Colleges in Bangalore and Mysore.

2. Dharmadhikari K. Rama Sastry, regretted his inability to serve on the Committee and in his place the President of the Managing Committee of the Bangalore Sanskrit College was appointed as a member.

Subsequently, Mr. K. S. Chandrasekhara Aiyar expressed his inability to serve as Chairman; thereupon Rajasabhabhushana Mr. Karpur Srinivasa Rav was appointed to be Chairman of the Committee, the vacancy in the membership being filled up by the appointment of Mr. R. Shama Sastry, B.A., Curator, Oriental Library, Mysore.

3. The following gentlemen have finally served on the Committee :—

1. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rav, Esq., B.Sc., L.C.E., President.
2. Rajasabhabhushana Rao Bahadur K. Krishna Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.C.E.
3. Rajakaryaprasakta Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.
4. T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, Esq., B.A., B.L., Muzrai Superintendent and President of the Committee of the Chamarajendra Sanskrit College, Bangalore.
5. S. P. Rajagopalachari, Esq., B.A., B.L., President of the Committee of His Highness the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore.
6. Praktanavimarsa Vichaksliana Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar, Esq., M.A.
7. Maha Vidvan Brahmasri Ayya Sastry, Avl.
8. R. Shama Sastri, Esq., B.A., Curator, Oriental Library.
9. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Esq., B.A., Under Secretary to Government, Muzrai Department, (*Secretary*).

4. The Committee have met six times on the following dates :—

i. 25th July 1920 in the Sanskrit College, Mysore.
ii. 22nd August 1920 „ Bangalore.
iii. 20th November 1920 „ Mysore.
iv. 6th Dec. 1920, Sanskrit College, Mysore.
v. 13th March 1921 „ do
vi. 30th May 1921 „ Bangalore.

5. Only four of the members, *viz.*, Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Shrinivasa Rav (President), Mr. R. Narasimhachar, Mr. R. Shama Sastry, Brahmasri Maha Vidwan Ayya Sastri attended all the six meetings. Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer was absent at the last meeting being away on leave. Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari attended four of the meetings. Mr. T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar was absent for the fourth and fifth meetings while Messrs. K. Krishna Iyengar and M. Shama Rao attended only two meetings each.

6. The proceedings in the first meeting began with reading the several Government Orders constituting the Committee and defining the questions referred to the Committee for opinion; the Committee decided generally on the points requiring detailed consideration with reference to the Bangalore and the Mysore Sanskrit Colleges as well as the admission of Non-Brahmins into these.

7. Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari was requested to furnish the Committee with a note on all the points requiring consideration in respect of the Sanskrit College at Mysore. Mr. T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar was requested to furnish a similar note in respect of the Sanskrit College at Bangalore. And with reference to the question of admission of Non-Brahmin students into the Colleges, Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer was requested to furnish a note giving all available information in the subject.

8. The Committee have duly considered the notes furnished by the gentlemen and the resolutions of the Committee have been formally recorded in the Proceedings of the several meetings. Copies of the notes and of the Committee's resolutions thereon are annexed hereto.

9. In considering these questions, the Committee have also had the unique advantage of having been favoured with the valuable views of His Highness Rama Varma, Ex-Raja of Cochin, an eminent scholar of Sanskrit and a distinguished patron of Sanskrit Learning. His Highness during his stay at Bangalore in October last was graciously pleased to visit the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, where he was presented with an address of welcome by the College Staff and had a discourse with them in the several Sastras. His Highness has graciously left on record his impressions of the College and its work. At the request of Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rav, His Highness has also recorded his valuable views on certain points in connection with the Sanskrit Education in Mysore. Copies of the observations recorded by His Highness in the Visitors' book of the College and of his note regarding the Sanskrit Education in Mysore are appended.

10. The Committee now proceed to lay before the Government their views and recommendations on the several questions referred to them by Government in accordance with the resolutions unanimously adopted at their several meetings. The questions specifically referred by Government to the Committee are :—

i. Whether in view of the very small number of students studying in the College classes of the Bangalore College, these classes need be continued in future and whether the Institution may not be reduced to the status of a High School ;

ii. Proposals for the improvement of the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore, and for redistribution of staff of the two Colleges, if necessary, and the re-adjustment of scholarships and other facilities to students between the two Institutions ;

iii. Whether the Veda and Prayoga classes need be continued in the Bangalore College ;

iv. Admission of Non-Brahmins to Sanskrit Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore.

ADMISSION OF NON-BRAHMINS INTO THE SANSKRIT COLLEGES.

11. The last of these questions is first taken up for consideration as upon that depends, to a large extent, the determination of other questions. Having regard to the great importance of the question it was considered desirable to ascertain the rules and practice obtaining in the prominent Sanskrit Colleges elsewhere in India, particularly those at Benares, Jaipur and Calcutta which are all Government Institutions of recognised standing. The Heads of the Colleges at Benares and Jaipur were written to and their replies are filed with the records.

12. The Sanskrit College at Benares is the oldest seat of Oriental Learning in India, having been started more than a hundred years ago. This is also the only Institution maintained by the Government of India out of Public Funds. The Registrar of this College writes 'that the Institution is still governed by the ancient rule, that the Adhyapaka selects his own pupils and that as regards admission to the Sanskrit College, the Government imposes no restriction, the Adhyapaka being free to select his own pupils.'

13. The Principal of the Maharaja's College, Jaipur, writes 'that admission to the Jaipur State Sanskrit College as a whole is restricted to the Dwijas of the three Varnas only in all the subjects and to Brahmins alone in the Vedas.' The rule of the Government Sanskrit College at Calcutta as stated in the University Calendar is 'that the College is open to Hindus occupying a respectable position in Hindu Society irrespective of castes.'

14. Turning to the two premier Sanskrit Institutions in the State, Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer has, as noted in para 8 above, drawn up two notes one about the Mysore College and the other about the Bangalore College, wherein he has given a brief history of each of the two Institutions and explained the orders issued by Government from time to time in regard to the admission of Non-Brahmin students into them.

15. From the note relating to the Mysore College, the Committee find that Non-Brahmins have not at any time been given admission into this College. In 1904 the question was raised on the application of a Jain student; the Government after a full consideration of all the points passed an Order No. 4549-51, dated 7th April 1906 finally declining to allow the admission of Non-Brahmins into the College. Again as a result of the questions raised at the Representative Assembly of April 1918, the point was referred to the Board of Sanskrit Studies for expression of their opinion. The Board after obtaining the views of the Managing Committee of the Colleges at Mysore and Bangalore and of the Adhyaksha of Melkote College, advised the Government that having regard to the tradition which the Mysore College had acquired as the seat of strict orthodox learning and in view of the fact that it is the only one in the State in which all Vedic and Sastric subjects are taught, any change in the existing system would not be attended with advantage either to the Non-Brahmin students desirous of admission or to the Sanskrit Learning in general.

16. The Committee are of opinion that the considerations governing the order of 7th April 1906 still continue to exist even with greater force with reference to the Mysore College. In the reorganization of the Mysore and Bangalore Sanskrit Colleges ordered in proceedings No. 3333-45—Edn. 103-15-7, dated 27th September 1917, the College at Mysore has been made the chief seat of Vedanga Sastras and it has been equipped with an efficient staff of Brahmin Professors. There is nothing in this order dated 27th September 1917 that would go to modify the order of April 1906 in relation to the maintenance of the Mysore College strictly as a Seat of Orthodox Learning.

17. His Highness the Ex-Raja of Cochin also strongly recommends that such maintenance of our valuable ancient learning is quite necessary and that there can be no difference of opinion on this point. His Highness is also against compelling the old Orthodox Pandits to teach Non-Brahmin students, as such a course would defeat its own purposes. This readily explains the wholesome rule of the Benares College whereby the Adhyapakas are left to select their own pupils and even the Government of India have imposed no restriction whatever in the matter.

18. After much consideration of this important question in all its aspects, the Committee have resolved that the Government be advised to continue the Sanskrit College at Mysore as a Seat of Ancient and Orthodox Learning as heretofore and not to admit Non-Brahmins into this Institution.

19. In regard to the Bangalore College, however, from Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer's note, it is found that on some previous occasions a few Non-Brahmins have been admitted into the College under certain reservations, *viz.*, providing separate classes in a separate building for Vedas and Vedangas.

20. Again, when the question was discussed at the Representative Assembly of April 1918, it was referred to the Board of Sanskrit Studies for expression of their opinion. On this, the Bangalore College Committee sent a resolution to the Board that the objection to the entry of Non-Brahmin students can be waived in case a separate building is made available for the holding of Veda, Adhyayana and Prayoga classes; and the Board accepting the resolution, sent a recommendation to Government that Non-Brahmin students might be admitted into the Bangalore Sanskrit College as an experimental measure subject to the condition stipulated by the College Committee.

21. Further, Mr. T. E. Jeyaram Aiyar, as President of this College Committee, has now stated that Non-Brahmins might be admitted into the College for study of all subjects other than Veda, Vedanta and Vedanga, the classes teaching these latter subjects being held in a separate building.

22. Taking into consideration all these circumstances connected with this College, the Committee concur in the recommendations already made by the Board of Sanskrit Studies and now also advanced by Mr. T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar and they accordingly submit the following resolutions for the favourable consideration of the Government:—

i. That the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, may be thrown open to Non-Brahmins of all classes of the Uttama Hindus for study of all subjects except those coming under the category of Veda, Vedanta and Vedangas;

ii. That separate accommodation be provided in the Bangalore Sanskrit College to teach Vedic and allied subjects.

23. The Committee beg to add that in permititting the admission of Non-Brahmin students into the College classes, the Government will be pleased to follow the rule adopted in the long standing Government of India Sanskrit College at Benares noted above, so as not to compel any Pandit already on the staff of the College to teach the classes containing Non-Brahmin students, but to allow any Pandit that may object to teach Non-Brahmins for reasons of conscience, the option of taking a transfer from the College without prejudice to his service.

SEPARATE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VEDIC CLASSES.

24. The question whether Veda and Prayoga classes need be continued in the Bangalore College stands answered by the concluding portion of the Committee's recommendation about the admission of Non-Brahmins into the College.

It would be a highly retrograde step to close the Vedic and Prayoga classes altogether from the Bangalore College. The Committee unanimously consider that these classes should be continued, open however, to Brahmins only as heretofore as in the Maharaja's College, Jaipur; they also recommend that when any Non-Brahmins are admitted into the College, these classes should be held either in a separate building or if possible, in a separate portion of the present College premises.

25. The maintenance of this Vedic Institution will also serve as a feeder to the Agama classes which the Committee understand will shortly be opened in the Mysore Province with a view to revive the ancient culture and learning of the Archak classes employed in the performance of Puja services in the numerous temples in the State.

26. The cost of the Institution is not after all much, being only Rs. 90 a month on an average according to the latest sanctioned scale of pay of the Vedic Teachers, only three in number.

THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE BANGALORE COLLEGE.

27. The next question to consider is whether in view of the very small number of students studying in the Bangalore College, these classes need be continued in future and whether the Institution may not be reduced to the status of a High school. The Committee have instituted close enquiries into the cause of the present low strength of the College classes of the Institution and they are of opinion that it is really due to some extent to the abolition in 1917 of all the higher classes for teaching Sastras except Sahitya. The orthodox students of Sanskrit generally wish to study the Sastras in preference to the simple Sahitya.

The diminution in the attendance is also due to no small degree to the want of help and facilities to students by way of accommodation and boarding.

28. In Bangalore there is no boarding arrangement whatever except that a few students are fed in the Government chattram and that only, by one meal a day.

The lodging place of the students is more than two miles from the Chattram; in short, they are put to very great inconvenience; whereas in Mysore much better facilities by way of board and lodging are provided for. The Committee are confident that with adequate arrangements and due provision for the free boarding and accommodation of students similar to those in the Mysore College, this College will also rapidly progress both in strength and efficiency.

29. Further, in view of the resolution to throw open the Sanskrit Literary classes of the College to Non-Brahmins, it appears to the Committee that the reduction of the Institution to the status of a High School simultaneously with this resolution would be a retrograde step as that will only deprive the Non-Brahmins of the benefits of advanced Sanskrit Study for which they have been so long yearning and as such a reduction would defeat the main object in question.

30. Yet another reason why the Institution should be kept up to the College standard is to be found in the very *name* which the Institution now bears. From the history of the College given in Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer's note, it will be seen that the Institution which was originally a small private Patasala kept up by grants-in-aid from the City Municipality, the Sri Sringeri and the Sri Parakala Matts, was taken over under Government control and shifted to the present premises being a renovation of the old Arsenal buildings; and in doing so the Government in 1896 were pleased to give it its present designation 'Chamarajendra Sanskit College' in memory of His Highness the late Chamarajendra Wodayar Bahadur, G.C.S.I. The College being

thus one of the monuments standing in memory of His Highness the late Maharaja, the Committee are unable to bring themselves to consider any proposal to reduce the status of the College.

31. All circumstances considered, it is the unanimous opinion of the Committee that the College should be continued, providing for the full Sahitya course as at present and even improved as explained in para 33 below, so that it may serve as a First Class Sanskrit College open to all Uttama Hindus and be maintained in a standard of efficiency in keeping with the Honoured name it bears in memory of His Highness the late Chamarajendra Wodayar Bahadur, G.C.S.I.

32. The Committee take this opportunity to submit also for the consideration of Government that the mere admission of Non-Brahmins into the Bangalore Sanskrit College will not itself prove a sufficient stimulus to the study of Sanskrit, so long as the prospects in life of passed Vidwans are no better than they are at present. The Committee therefore beg to invite reference to the recommendations contained in para 22 of the report of the Committee of the Sanskrit Education submitted to the Government in February 1916, on the subject of the "Students' Future Career"; and as no orders appear to have been passed in the matter, the Committee beg leave to request the earnest consideration of Government again to the subject. The observations recorded by His Highness the Ex-Raja of Cochin, noted above, fully go to confirm this view and it is desirable to do something substantial in this direction.

33. Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, in the last para of his note on the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, has proposed that 'the opportunity may be taken to advance the cause of Sanskrit Education more effectively by reorganizing the Institution somewhat on the lines of the Government Sanskrit College, Calcutta, and the Oriental College, Lahore, where an advanced study of Sanskrit Literature is so combined with a study of English and other secular subjects as to render the Sanskrit Graduates competent to take their place in the general services, professions and duties of public life, on a par with their brother Graduates of the Universities.'

IMPROVEMENT TO THE MYSORE SANSKRIT COLLEGE.

34. The next question relates to the proposals for the improvement of the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore, and for the necessary redistribution of staff of the two Colleges and the readjustment of scholarships and other facilities to students between the two Institutions.

The Committee having decided to recommend that the Mysore College should continue as a seat of Ancient and Orthodox learning as heretofore and that the Bangalore College alone might be thrown open to Non-Brahmins but still maintained to the college standard of study of Sanskrit Sahitya, supplemented by a suitable and adequate course of instruction in English and secular subjects of general knowledge, it has been thought superfluous to go into the question of a redistribution of the staff in the two Colleges and of the readjustment of the scholarships and other facilities to students between the two Institutions; the requirements of the two Colleges have therefore been considered separately.

35. As regards the improvements to the Mysore College, Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari, as President of the College Committee, has furnished a note dealing exhaustively with the requirements of the Institution under the following heads:—

i. Increase of staff of Sastra Professors and Tutors,
ii. Improving the scale of annual increments to their salaries,
iii. Improvement of the College accommodation,
iv. Boarding arrangements for students,
v. Addition to the staff for English General Instruction,
vi. Increase to the Library and Reading Room Establishments,
vii. Revision of the course of study.

Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer has supplemented the above with a further note of his views on the several proposals of Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachar.

Copies of these notes are appended and the resolutions of the Committee thereon are embodied in the Proceedings of the 5th meeting held on 13th March 1921.

At the meeting Mr. Rajagopalachari accepted the slight modifications urged by Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer in regard to the College staff and the scale of increments to

their pay, and the proposals as so modified have been unanimously adopted by the Committee, as under :—

i. That three more Professors for Dharmasastra, Mimamsa and Prachina Tarka might be appointed at once as at present there are none for these subjects which are as important as those for which Professors have been appointed, though there are students actually studying the same, and that in view of the large number of classes and students of Tarka and Vyakarana the tutorial staff might be strengthened by the appointment of one more tutor for Tarka and two more Tutors for Vyakarna.

ii. That the scale of increments to the pay of Professors and Tutors may be somewhat improved by revising the same as hereunder so as to admit of the maximum salary being reached in *seven* years instead of *ten*.

Professors :—	Rs. 50—5—70	4 years,	
	70—10—100	3 years	7 years.
Tutors	Rs. 30—2—38	4 years,	
	38—4—50	3 years	7 years.

iii. In regard to the college accommodation the Committee consider that the proposals of Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari to give additional accommodation and to put up eletric installation deserve favourable and early consideration as such improvements will not only be useful to the college, but also to the public to whom the premises will serve as a hall for occasional cultured conversazioni and public lectures by Pandits and Oriental Scholars.

39. One of the essential requirements of the College forcibly urged by Mr. Rajagopalachari is the institution of Boarding arrangements for the students of the College. He urges that though help is now given to some of the students in the shape of cash stipends yet the inconvenience now being felt in the matter is that most of the students in the College find it very difficult to make their own arrangements for their boarding, that many students, particularly, those who come from outside, find it hard to provide themselves with a healthy meal and that there are specific instances in which they have fallen seriously ill and have even forsaken their studies and gone away. Mr. Rajagopalachari, therefore considers it very desirable that some suitable arrangements should be made immediately for feeding those students of the College who cannot afford to make arrangements of their own and he adds that enquiries relating to the subject go to show that if proper arrangements are made for feeding, many more students, than at present, will seek admission into the College and thus the strength of the College will increase.

40. The Committee are convinced that boarding and lodging facilities are very essential appendages to the efficient working of Sanskrit Colleges. These facilities have been provided elsewhere too as for instance at Calcutta and Tiruvadi (Tanjore) of late. The Committee have, therefore, no hesitation in fully recommending the proposal of Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari for the institution of more complete boarding arrangements in the Sanskrit College, Mysore. In doing so, the Committee wish to add that the acceptance of cash stipends or free boarding in the alternative might be left to the option of students even in the case of those who have no houses in the city.

41. In regard to the financial aspect of this proposal, the Committee are of opinion that the institution of boarding may not after all involve much extra cost. It is understood that the Government have sanctioned Rs. 1,135 a month for the grant of scholarships to the students; this amount should, under ordinary circumstances, be sufficient to meet the cost of the boarding on the lines proposed by Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari. It may, therefore, be taken as the standard budget allotment subject to the understanding that if at any time the provision be exceeded by reason of increase in the number of students fed or of a rise in the market prices of provisions, special sanction be obtained for the amount of excess expenditure so actually incurred.

42. Mr. Rajagopalachari states that some additional staff for the English classes and the Library and the Reading Room of the College will be required two years hence. His proposals in this respect are recommended for the consideration of Government when necessity therefor actually arises.

43. Lastly, Mr. Rajagopalachari has proposed certain modifications in the present Curriculum of Studies and Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer has, in his note, exhaustively dealt with the question of revising the course of Supplementary General Instruction and of the study of Jyothisha. The Committee consider that the subject of the Curriculum of studies in this College is a matter more appropriately dealt with by the Board of Sanskrit Studies and have, accordingly, resolved to leave these proposals for the consideration of the Board, recommending, however, for special consideration of the Board the proposals of Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer in regard to the courses of *Vidwat Study* in Jyothisha.

44. The requirements of the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, have, at the request of this Committee, been specially considered by the Managing Committee of the College and Mr. Jayarama Aiyar in forwarding a copy of the resolutions of the Managing Committee adds that the full requirements of the Vedic Section depend upon the alteration in the Curriculum of Study and that therefore the question will be taken up later for discussion.

45. The Managing Committee of the Bangalore College have for the present proposed the following as the essential requirements of the College to maintain the same in an efficient condition:—

(i) Revision of the College staff to suit the altered conditions arising from the admission of Non-Brahmin students into the Institution;

(ii) Separate arrangements in the way of accommodation for the Veda and Prayoga classes;

(iii) Boarding arrangements for Brahmin students and award of scholarships for Non-Brahmin students;

and (iv) Improvement of the College Library.

46. The present Committee fully concur in these moderate proposals but as further matters relating to this College depend on the decision of Government in regard to the admission of Non-Brahmins and the re-organization of the College on the lines proposed above, exact details of cost cannot be given at this stage. But the present proposals of Mr. Jayarama Aiyer have been duly embodied in the accompanying proposition statement relating to the College.

47. To summarise, the recommendations of the Committee on the several questions referred to them by Government are:—

I. *In regard to the Bangalore College:*—(*a*) To continue the Institution in the status of a College; (*b*) to provide separate accommodation for the Vedic and Prayoga classes; (*c*) to throw open the Sanskrit Kavya and Sahitya classes to Non-Brahmin Hindus subject to the understanding that any Pandit objecting to teach Non-Brahmins for reasons of conscience will be allowed the option of taking a transfer from the College without prejudice to his service; (*d*) to take this opportunity to reorganise the College, somewhat on the lines of the Sanskrit College, Calcutta; and (*e*) to place the Sanskrit Graduates on a par with their brethren of the Universities in the matter of prospects in life.

II. *In regard to the Sanskrit College, Mysore:*—(*a*) To continue the Institution as a Seat of Ancient and Orthodox Learning open only to Brahmins as heretofore; (*b*) to Strengthen the College staff by three more Professors and three more Tutors, to cope with the increased work in the College; (*c*) to revise the scale of increments to the salaries of Professors and Tutors so as to enable them to get the maximum in *seven* years instead of in *ten* years; (*d*) to provide better boarding arrangements to the students; and lastly (*e*) to improve the College building, Library, etc., as recommended by Mr. Rajagopalachari.

48. Proposition statements exhibiting the financial aspect of the several recommendations in respect of the two Colleges are appended.

II.—Proceedings of the Meetings of the Special Committee.

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First Meeting.

Held in the Sanskrit College, Mysore on 25th July 1920.

PRESENT :—

1. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rav, Esq., B.A., L.C.E., President.
2. T. E. Jayarama Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L., Muzrai Superintendant and President of the Committee of Chamarajendra Sanskrit College, Bangalore.
3. S. P. Rajagopalachar, Esq., B.A., B.L., President of the Committee of His Highness the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore.
4. Praktanavimarsa Vichakshana, Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar, Esq., M.A
5. Maha Vidwan Brahma Sri Sosale Ayya Sastri AVL.,
6. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Esq., B.A., Under Secretary to Government, Muzrai Department, (Secretary.)

ABSENT :—

1. Rajasabhabhushana Rao Bahadur K. Krishna Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.C.E.
2. Rajakaryaprasakata Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.

1. The Government Order No. 9650-62—Edn. 15-19-50, dated 9th April 1920, appointing a Special Committee to consider and report on certain questions in connection with the Sanskrit Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore, and

The letter No. 12194—Edn. 53-18-74, dated 29th June 1920, from the Secretary to the Government in the Departments of Education, Agriculture and Industries and Commerce, to the Secretary to the Special Committee referring some further question for the consideration and report of the Special Committee.

Were read and recorded.

2. The following points were framed for consideration by the Committee with reference to the questions raised in the aforesaid orders of the Government.

(*a*) Enquiry into the causes leading to the decrease of students in the College classes of the Bangalore Sanskrit College and consideration of remedies that may be adopted to remove this defect.

(*b*). Whether the College classes in the Bangalore Sanskrit College should be continued in spite of the present poor attendance of students.

Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Secretary to the Committee here explained how the College came to be located in the present building and how the name of the Institution was then changed into Chamarajendra Sanskrit College in 1896 in memory of His Highness the late Maharaja Chamarajendra Wodayar Bahadur, G. C. S. I.

(*c*) Whether the Veda and the Prayoga classes need be continued in the Bangalore Sanskrit College.

Whether the Sanskrit Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore may be thrown open for admission of Non-Brahmin students.

In regard to the Improvement to Sanskrit College at Mysore, referred to in Government Order noted above, the President of the Sanskrit College Board was requested to furnish the Committee with a note of all the points requiring consideration and it was resolved that the note on receipt by the Secretary, be circulated to all the members.

All the members were requested to consider the question framed as above and send their notes, if any to the Secretary by 10th August 1920 for circulation to the other members and discussion at the next meeting of the Committee.

It was resolved that the next meeting be held in the premises of the Chamarajendra Sanskrit College at Bangalore on Sunday 15th August 1920.

Second Meeting.

Held in the Chamarajendra Sanskrit College, Bangalore, on Sunday the 22nd August 1920.

PRESENT.

1. Rajasabhabhushana K. Srinivasa Rao, Esq., B. Sc., L.C.E., President.
2. Rao Bahadur Rajakarya Prasakta M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.
3. Rao Bahadur Parktanavimarsha Vichakshana R. Narasimhachar, Esq., M.A.
4. T. E. Jayarama Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.
5. S. P. Rajagopalachar, Esq., B.A., B.L.
6. R. Shama Sastry, Esq., B.A.
7. Kavi Tilaka Brahmasri S. Ayya Sastry, Avl., Palace Mahavidwan.
8. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Esq., B.A., Secretary.

ABSENT.

1. Rao Bahadur K. Krishna Iyengar, Esq., B.A., L.C.E.

1. As regards points (*a*) to (*d*) regarding the Bangalore Sanskrit College. Mr. Jayarama Iyer stated that he would place these points before the College Committee and he would send a note embodying the Committee's opinion in time for consideration at the next meeting.

2. The note of Mr. Rajagopalachar promised at the previous meeting has been received explaining all improvements, etc., necessary for the Mysore Sanskrit College, This was recently circulated to the several members of this Committee and their opinion considered at the next meeting.

3. On the supposition that the Bangalore Sanskrit College is to be continued, the President of the College Committee may be requested to send a note similar to that of Mr. Rajagopalachar for consideration at the next meeting.

4. Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer will submit a note giving all available information about point (*d*) of the previous meeting.

5. The next meeting to be held at Bangalore on Sunday the 26th September at 3 p. m. in the Sanskrit College.

Third Meeting.

Held in the Sanskrit College, at 3 P. M., on Saturday the 20th November 1920.

PRESENT.

1. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rav, Esq., B. Sc., L.C.E., (President).
2. S. P. Rajagopalachari, Esq., B.A., B.L.
3. R. Shama Sastri, Esq., B.A.
4. Rajasabhabhushana Rao Bahadur K. Krishnaiyengar, Esq., B.A., L.C.E.
5. R. A. Narasimhachar, Esq., M.A.
6. Brahmasri Maha Vidwan Sosale Ayya Sastri, Avl.
7. T. E. Jayarama Aiyar, Esq., B.A., B.L.
8. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Esq., B.A., (Secretary).

ABSENT.

1. Rajakaryaprasakta Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.

The following papers were considered:—

(1) Letter dated 13th November 1920, from Mr. T. E. Jayarama Iyer, President of the Managing Committee of Bangalore Sanskrit College, forwarding two Memoranda regarding the Institution prepared by the Principal.

(2) Notes by Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, regarding the question of the admission of Non-Brahmins into the Sanskrit Colleges at Mysore and Bangalore.

(3) The President also read over a Note (copy appended) which he had received from His Highness the Ex-Raja of Cochin regarding the question of Sanskrit Education in the State considered with reference to:—

(1) Admission of Non-Brahmins.
(2) Encouragements to students.
(3) Change of curriculum and
(4) Prospects of the passed students.

In this Note His Highness has directly stated that the ancient culture of India must be preserved even with greater justification than the archaeological remains of the country and that the Pandit teachers cannot be forced against their will to teach Non-Brahmin students. It is also understood that when the same question was recently brought before the Legislative Council in June last, it was accepted that it would not be justifiable to force the Pandits already in service to teach Non-Brahmins. His Highness has also suggested that arrangements may be made to accommodate Non-Brahmin students in existing High School and Colleges by engaging one or two Pandits in addition.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer's notes are exhaustive and give the previous history of both the Colleges. From the note relating to the Mysore College, the Committee find that Non-Brahmins have not at any time been given admission into this College, and when in 1904, the question was raised on the application of a Jain student, the Government, after a full consideration of all the points, passed order No. 4549-51 dated 7th April 1906 finally declining to allow the admission of Non-Brahmins into the College. Again when, as a result of representation made at the Representative Assembly of April 1918, the question was referred to the Board of Sanskrit studies for expression of their opinion, the Board after obtaining the views of the Managing Committee of the Colleges at Mysore and Bangalore and of the Adhyaksha of Melkote College, advised the Government that having regard to the tradition which the Mysore College had acquired as the seat of strict orthodox learning and in view of the fact that it is the only one in the State in which all Vedic and Shastric subjects are taught, any change in the existing system would not be attended with advantage either to the Non-Brahmin students desirous of admission or to the Sanskrit learning in general.

The Board, however, accepting the Resolution of the Bangalore College Committee on this behalf, recommended that the system of admitting Non-Brahmins might be tried as an experimental measure in the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, subject to the condition stipulated by the College Committee, *viz.*, that a separate building should be made available for the Veda-adhyayana and Prayoga Classes.

In regard to the Bangalore College, however, from Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer's note, it is found that on some previous occasions some Non-Brahmins have been admitted into the Bangalore Sanskrit College under certain reservations, *viz.*, providing separate classes for Vedas and Vedangas.

Further Mr. T. E. Jeyarama Iyer, as President of the Committee, has now stated that Non-Brahmins might be admitted into the College for study of all subjects other than Veda, Vedanta and Vedanga the classes teaching these latter subjects being held in a separate building. After much consideration of this important question in all its aspects, the Committee concur in the recommendations already made by the Board of Sanskrit studies and now also advanced by Mr. T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, and accordingly resolve:—

(a) That the Sanskrit College of Mysore be continued as a seat of ancient and Orthodox learning as heretofore and that non-Brahmins may not be admitted into the College.

(b) That the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, may be thrown open to Non-Brahmins except Panchamas and Mussalmans for study of all subjects except those coming under the category of Veda, Vedanta and Vedangas and that the College be continued with full course up to the Vidwat Examination in Sahitya.

(c) That separate accommodation be provided for in the Bangalore Sanskrit College to teach Vedic and allied subjects.

D.

II. In regard to the question raised in Government Order dated 9th April, 1920, viz., whether in view of the very poor number of students, the College Classes in Bangalore College need be continued in future and whether the Institution need not be reduced to the status of a High School, the Committee resolve that in virtue of the above resolution, the Bangalore Sanskrit College must be continued for the full Sahitya course as at present and even improved as explained in the sequal so that it may serve as a First Class Sanskrit College opened to all Uttama Hindus and be maintained in a standard of efficiency in keeping with the honoured name it bears in memory of His Highness the Late Chamarajendra Wadiyar Bahadur, G.C.S.I.

III. Turning to the poor strength of the Bangalore College classes, the Principal in his Memorandum forwarded by Mr. Jayarama Aiyar, has explained the causes for the present low strength of the Institution and he has submitted some proposals for improving efficiently the condition of the College. The Committee on a study of these memorandum are of opinion that the present poor attendance is due, to some extent, to the abolition in 1917, of all the classes for teaching Shastras which the orthodox students of Sanskrit wish to study in preference to simple Sahitya and to no small degree to the want of help and facilities to students in the way of accommodation and boarding. There is no boarding arrangement whatever in Bangalore except that a few students are fed in the Government Chattram, and that only by one meal a day. The lodging place of the students is more than 2 miles from the Chattram; and in short they are put to very great inconvenience whereas in Mysore much better facilities by way of board and lodging are provided for and the College Committee of Mysore have recommended further improvements. It is therefore essential that similar facilities should be provided for in Bangalore. In fact such boarding and lodging facilities have, the Committee understand, been provided for in Sanskrit Colleges elsewhere such as those at Tiruvady and Calcutta. The Committee are confident that with similar adequate arrangements and provision for the free boarding and accommodation of students, this College will rapidly progress both in strength and efficiency. The Committee therefore resolve that the Government be advised to continue the Bangalore Sanskrit College in its present status as a College and to afford to the students of the College sufficient help in the way of free accommodation and boarding.

IV. The Committee take this opportunity to submit also for the consideration of the Government that the mere admission of Non-Brahmins into the Bangalore Sanskrit College, will not itself prove a sufficient stimulus to the study of Sanskrit, so long as the prospects in life of passed Sanskrit Vidwans are no better than they are at present. The Committee therefore beg to invite reference to the recommendations contained in para 22 of the Report of the Committee of the Sanskrit Education submitted to the Government in February 1916 on the subject of the "Students' Future Career" and as no orders appear to have been passed on the matter, the Committee beg leave to request the earnest consideration of the Government again to the subject. The observations recorded by His Highness the Ex-Raja of Cochin noted above fully go to confirm this view and it is desirable to do something substantial in this direction. Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer in the last para of his note on the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, has proposed that "the opportunity may be taken to advance the cause of Sanskrit Education more effectively by re-organizing the Institution somewhat on the lines of the Government Sanskrit College at Calcutta and the Oriental College, Lahore, where an advanced study of Sanskrit Literature is so combined with a study of English and other secular subjects as to render the Sanskrit Graduates competent to take their place in the general service, professions and duties of public life on a par with their brother graduates of English Universities."

It was therefore resolved that this question of efficiently improving the course of studies in the Bangalore College and providing alternate courses in Mysore College may be further considered at the next meeting when Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer will please submit a full Note for consideration.

V. Regarding the improvements to the Sanskrit College, Mysore, it was resolved that the subject be reserved for consideration at the next meeting when the several proposals made by the Mysore College Committee would be discussed in detail after the members have duly studied the same.

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Fourth Meeting.

Held in the Sanskrit College, Mysore, on 9th December 1920.

PRESENT.

1. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rav, Esq., B.Sc., L.C.E.
2. R. Shama Sastri, Esq., B.A.
3. Praktanavimarsa Vichakshana Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar, Esq., M.A.
4. Brahma Sri Maha Vidwan Sosale Ayya Sastri Avl.
5. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Esq., B.A., (Secretary).

ABSENT.

1. Rajakaryaprasakta Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.
2. Rajasabhabhushana Rao Bahadur K. Krishniengar, Esq., B.A., L.C.E.
3. S. P. Rajagopalachar, Esq., B.A., B.L.
4. T. E. Jeyarama Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L.

1. Read and confirmed the Proceedings of the last meeting.

2. The note of Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari making certain proposals for the improvement of the Sanskrit College, Mysore, was read and considered in the light of the notes of Messrs. R. Shama Sastriar and Mrityunjaya Iyer. As the Presidents of both the Sanskrit Colleges at Bangalore and Mysore were absent at this meeting, it was considered desirable to defer the passing of definite resolutions to future meeting.

3. In regard to Bangalore Sanskrit College, it was resolved that Mr. T. E. Jayarama Iyer be requested to favour the Committee with a note of his proposals regarding the requirements of the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, in the light of the Resolution to recommend the Institution being thrown open to Non-Brahmins under certain limitations.

Fifth Meeting.

Held in the Sanskrit College, Mysore, at 2-30 P. M., on Sunday 13th March 1921.

PRESENT.

1. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rav, Esq., B.A., L.C.E., President.
2. S. P. Rajagopalachari, Esq., B.A., B.L., President of the Committee of His Highness the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore.
3. Praktanavimarsa Vichakshana Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar, Esq., M.A.
4. Maha Vidwan Brahma Sri Sosale Ayya Sastry, Avl.
5. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Esq., B.A., Under Secretary to Government, Muzrai Department (Secretary.)

ABSENT.

1. Rajasabhabhushana Rao Bahadur K. Krishna Iyengar, Esq., B.A., L.C.E.
2. Rajakaryaprasaktha Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.
3. T. E. Jeyarama Iyer, Esq., B.A., B.L., Muzrai Superintendent and President of the Committee of Chamarajendra Sanskrit College, Bangalore.

Read and confirmed the Proceedings of the last meeting.

2. The note of Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari making certain proposals for the improvement of the Sanskrit College, Mysore, was read and considered again in the light of the notes of Mr. R. Shama Sastri and Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer.

The proposals of Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari fall under the following heads :—

a. Increase to the staff of Sastra Professors and Tutors.

b. Doubling the annual increments of salaries of the Professors and Tutors so as to admit of the maximum being earned in five years instead of in ten years as at present.

c. Addition to the accommodation and installation of electric lights in the College premises.
d. Boarding arrangements for students.
e. Addition to the staff for English General Institution (two years hence).
f. Increase to the library and reading room establishment (two years hence).
g. Revision of the establishment of the office of the Board of Sanskrit Studies.
h. Revision of the course of study.

RESOLUTIONS THEREON.

I. In regard to the increase to the staff of Sastra Professors and Tutors and the increments to their salaries, Mr. Rajagopalachar accepted the modifications proposed in Mr. Mrityunjaya Aiyer's note; the Committee being of opinion that these modified proposals are quite suitable, it was resolved that the same be adopted for recommendation to the Government.

According to these proposals, the immediate needs of the College in the way of additional staff are:—

(1) One Professor for Dharmasastra;
(2) One Professor for Mimamsa;
(3) One Professor for Prachina;
(4) Two Tutors for Vyakarana; and
(5) One Tutor for Tarka.

The Post Graduate Fellows of Vedanta will for the present help their respective Professors by teaching the classes for an hour or two every day.

II. The increments to the salaries for the Professors and Tutors will be spread over a period of seven years as hereunder:—

Professors	Rs. 50—5—70	4 years	7 years.
	70—10—100	3 „	
Tutors.	30—2—38	4 years.	7 years.
	38—4—50	3 „	

Several of the Professors and Tutors might have already had three increments under the present grades and after they get the 4th increment shortly, their future prospects might be improved as above.

III. In the opinion of the Committee, the proposal to improve the present accommodation and put up electric lights in the College buildings deserve favourable consideration as it will be useful not only to the College, but will also serve as a hall for occasional cultured conversazioni and public lectures by Pandits and oriental scholars.

IV. In regard to the free boarding of students, the Committee are of opinion that the institution of such free boarding will go a great way to encourage the students and that the proposals of Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari therefore be recommended for favourable consideration of the Government.

V. The proposals (*e*) and (*f*) above be recommended for consideration of the Government as necessity for such revisions arises.

VI. That the proposals for the revision of the establishment of the Board of Sanskrit Studies be left for the consideration of the Board.

VII. Lastly, in respect to the modification in the curriculum of College studies in the opinion of the Committee, the matter is one which is more appropriately dealt with by the Board of Sanskrit Studies and that proposals of both Mr. S. P. Rajagopalachari and Mr. Mrityunjaya Iyer therefore be left for the consideration of the Board; in doing so, however, the Committee would recommend for the special consideration of the Board the propsals of Mr. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer in regard to the courses of vidwat study in Jyotisha.

VIII. Brahmasri Ayya Avadhanigal brought to the notice of the Committee that Vedic recitation alone without a knowledge of Sahitya was not desirable and would not be of any value. The Committee concurred in this view, but they preferred to leave the matter to be considered by the Board of Sanskrit Studies.

IX. Resolved that the next meeting be held at Bangalore when the draft of the report to Government will be considered, the draft being drawn up and circulated beforehand to the members to enable them to discuss the same at the meeting, the date of which will be fixed after the draft was ready.

Sixth Meeting.

Held in the Sanskrit College, Bangalore, at 3-30 P. M., on Monday the 30th May 1921.

PRESENT.

1. Rajasabhabhushana Karpur Srinivasa Rav, Esq., B.A., L.C.E., Chairman.
2. T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, Esq., B.A., B.L., Muzrai Superintendent and President of the Committee of Chamarajendra Sanskrit College, Bangalore.
3. Praktanavimarsa Vichakshana Rao Bahadur R. Narasimhachar, Esq., M.A.
4. R. Shama Sastriar, Esq., B.A., Curator, Orinental Library.
5. Maha Vidwan Brahmasri Sosale Ayya Sastry Avl.
6. Rajakarayaprasaktha Rao Bahadur M. Shama Rao, Esq., M.A.
7. Rajasabhabhushana Rao Bahadur K. Krishna Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.C.E.

ABSENT.

1. S. P. Rajagopalachari, Esq., B.A., B.L., President of the Committee of His Highness the Maharaja's Sanskrit College, Mysore.
2. A. Mrityunjaya Iyer, Esq., B.A., Under Secretary to Government, Muzrai Department (Secretary).

READ—

Letter from Mr. T. E. Jeyarama Aiyar, President of the Managing Committee of the Bangalore Sanskrit College, forwarding a copy of the Proceedings of the Committee, setting forth the present requirements of the College.

2. The draft report to Government embodying the recommendations of the Committee on the several questions referred to them for consideration.

RESOLUTIONS.

1. The proposals of Mr. Jeyarama Aiyar already circulated to the members are unanimously approved.

2. The draft report was approved and it was resolved that it be submitted to Government under the signature of the President only with proposition statements exhibiting the financial aspect of the several recommendations in respect of the two Colleges.